

December 10, 2013

The Honorable Gregg Harper
U.S. House of Representatives
307 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Rep. Harper:


On behalf of Solving Kids' Cancer, I am writing to express our strong support for your legislation, the Kids First Research Act of 2013 (H.R. 2019), which would supply critical funds to the National Institutes of Health for pediatric medical research.

As you know, cancer kills more kids in the U.S. than any other disease. Each school day, enough children are diagnosed with cancer to empty two classrooms. We at Solving Kids' Cancer believe that *Every Kid Deserves to Grow Up*. For kids with the deadliest childhood cancers, including neuroblastoma, sarcomas and brain tumors, their chances of ever living long enough to be able to cast their first ballot are less than 50%. This is unacceptable.

Children with cancer need new treatment options today. As we enter a new era in cancer research with advances in immunotherapy, innovative clinical trials that harness a child's own immune system to fight cancer will help change the future of childhood cancer. But without the necessary funding, children battling cancer will be left behind, with limited treatment options.

Solving Kids' Cancer is proud to lend our support of the Kids First Research Act of 2013 (H.R. 2019). On behalf of the families and children with cancer, thank you for turning awareness into action and for helping to change the world for children.

Sincerely,


Scott Kennedy, MBA
Co-founder and Executive Director

